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For: A SYSTEM FOR PERFORMING

EXPERIMENTS, IN PARTICULAR FOR HIGH THROUGHPUT

EXPERIMENTATION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 10, 2008, a reply to which is due

November 10, 2008, with a one month extension of time. This Amendment is being filed with a

Request for Continued Examination. Please consider the following amendments and remarks in

order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this submission.